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In re Patent Application of	)	
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Xiao-Yi Xiao et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1626
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Application No.: 10/682,496	)	Examiner: Freistein, Andrew B.
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Title: Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed March 28, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that appear at pages 2-17.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin at page 18.